Brooklyn, N. Y .- Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church, Hamburg avenue and Weirfield street, the Rev. I. W. Henderson, pastor,

We shall take as our theme for the morning, "Prayer." We shall take as our text that which is found in the 55th Psalm and the 17th verse, "Evening and morning and at noon, will I pray."

The most distinctive spiritual faculty that we have, is the ability to pray. For prayer is that which brings us into relationship with God, consciously. Upon the wings of prayer we mount into the very presence of the Most High. By the exercise of our capacity for prayer, we are carried into the sacred place of deity, and abide, without question, within the shadow of the Almighty.

For prayer is communion with God. To pray is to talk to God. To pray is to converse with God. Humanity can conceive of nothing which is so transcendant and so eternally spiritual, as that which we call prayer. For prayer lifts a man off the earth and takes him into the presence of that which is eternal and heavenly. Prayer takes a man out of himself, into the presence of God. For when a man prays as he ought to pray, he forgets the land about him and enters into a new atmosphere and sees such visions and experiences such enthusiasms, as in the ordinary run of human things, lie dormant. Prayer is a confidential unburdening of the soul in the presence of Almighty God. Prayer is the pouring out to God of our wants. Prayer is proclaiming to God our thanks. Prayer is acknowledging to our Heavenly Father our indebtedness. Prayer is getting face to face with the Almighty. It is the utmost necessity of the soul.

No man can be a religious man, certainly no man can be a Christian man, who does not pray. Now mind you, I am not speaking of saying your prayers. I am not speaking of formality. I am not speaking of talking with God by rule or by rote. Prayer needs no rules. It needs no morning and it needs no evening. It needs no set of specified regulations. It is not the repetition of a rigmarole. It is the outpouring of the soul of a needy man and a thankful man, in the presence of his Father and his God.

So many of us say our prayers. So few of us ever pray. If you would pray with a will, you can not pray by the clock. You can not pray exactly at evening, morning and at noon, you can not pray the way other men think you ought to pray and when. The church can lay down no rule and regulation for prayer. For "prayer is the heart's sincere desire, uttered of unexpressed." And you cannot tell a man in immediate need or under the pressure of immediate want, when to pray. No man can demand that a man make prayers, for prayer is something more than that.

Prayer is such a spiritual necessity and faculty that it must have its own time and own way, and it must be allowed to follow its own rules. For prayer is the method of spiritual communion with God. Prayer expresses and emphasizes our relationship with the Almighty. No man can be made a Christian man without it. And the more you are conscious of it, the more your sense of unity with God is intensified. The more you are conscious of your nearness to Him, the more you will understand what the spiritualities are and the less will you be able to pray slavishly at 7.30 in the morning or at 5 or at any hour by the clock. For that is saying prayers. It is all right for children, but God forbid that a grown man or woman who breathes the air of eternity, should offer prayer by no other than such a mechanical method as that.

Prayer has value, as well as being a necessity to man. For nowhere can we get such comfort as we get in prayer. When a man feels that he is overburdened with grief, or is being carried away by the temptations of adversity or of prosperity, when he feels his moorings slipping away from him and knows that the ground is shifting and sinking underneath him, and that he has no place on which he may stand with security and safety. then prayer must comfort him. That man can pray and get comfort and peace. The darkest shadows of life may be dark about you, but fervent

prayers will bring rejoicing. Prayer brings an eternal peace which the world can never give; nor can worldly things take it away.

Prayer ought to be instant. The time to pray is when you want to pray. The time to commune with God is when you need His presence. The time to offer your thanksgiving is when you are thankful; not ordinarily thankful, but when God has laid His hand upon you with such a blessing that you are actually conscious of your indebtedness to Him.

There are times when you are in the midst of the busy grind when you ought to pray just as sincerely, just as fervently, just as confidently ard with just as much wholeheartedness to your God and King, as you would in the solitude of your own house and within the quiet of your own

If prayer needs to be instant, it needs also to be continuous. When a manfeelsthe powers of temptation as alling him, it will not do for him to hold the prayer over until he gets home at night. The soul must go to God at once. It is not necessary to talk in order to pray, or to wait and stand up in a prayer meeting. It is not necessary to get down on your knees to pray. For a man's life may be a continuous prayer, as it should be, when he sees God and His handiwork in everything, and learns lessons out of the running brooks, and sermons in stones, and sees the presence of Almighty God controlling and thrilling through all the human life which is round about him.

Prayer should not only be continuous, but also comprehensive. The one bad feature of the prayer which we teach our children is pronominal. "Now I lay ME down to sleep, I pray the Lord MY soul to keep; and if I die before I wake, I pray the Lord MY soul to take!" No wonder we are self-centered when we begin to pray to God with that kind of a prayer. We might better teach our children, "God take care of the world and me." For the child would have some inspiration and impulse to imagination. The child's mind would be taken away from itself. I am not minimizing the prayer which the most of us learned at our mothers' knees, but God forgive us, it ought to be changed, it needs a few additions, it needs to be-

come comprehensive. Prayer should be fervent. There is nothing more congelative than a cold prayer. Nothing can so chill the soul as a heartless petition. Nothing is so repellant as fervorless adoration. For it violates our sense of the fitness of things. It weights rather than elevates. It contracts rather than expands. It deadens rather than enlivens. And prayer cannot possess fervor unless we are spiritually warmed. A man without spiritual experiences cannot pray with enthusiasm. It is only the man who is conscious of the depth of his own need, of the everlasting and boundless grace of God, of the self-sacrificing affection of Jesus Christ, who has a realiza-tion of the consummate work that God has effected in him or of the need for a thorough transformation of his life by the impulses of divine truth, who can pray with intensity and fire. The trouble with much of our public prayer is that we are self-conscious, we have nothing to pray about, we are devoid of those essential spiritual experiences that are prerequisite to any enlarging and enlivening prayer. Many men seem to think that prayer offers an opportunity to exhort the congregation via the mercy seat. Others seem to think that it is a valid medium through which counsel and advice may be given to the Most High God. Prayer is not a sermon. It is not a It is not, in the limited sense of the term, an address. Prayer is the heartfelt communion of the soul of the people with Jehovah. It de-pends for power upon careful understanding and investigation of the extensive experiences which flood in upon the souls of men and with which human life is affluent. The richer the experience the more fervent the

Prayer should be faithful. It should believe. Without trust in God It is a mere mechanical operation. We must believe that it reaches, that it is heard, that it is something more than a reflex action. And it is. As it is the holiest and most spiritual of human faculties, it is also, under proper and definite conditions, the surest. The prayer of a good man availeth. The sincere prayer of a penitent and contrite heart is heard. The cry of the afflicted has a ready access to the heart of God. He that

keepeth guard over us neither slumbers nor sleeps.

Such prayer should be the practice of the church. For a prayerless church is a church disabled and discredited. It is no fiction that the prayer meeting is the spiritual thermometer of the church. When the church has prayed with fervency and trust the church has prevailed. When she has communed with Jehovah with earnestness and fidelity she has had power with men. The trouble with us is that we lack the spirit of prayer. Judging from the average prayer meeting the people have little for which they are thankful, little need of the sustaining of God, little praise to offer, small request to make. The art of prayer is not a conspicuous characteristic of the church of our times.

this department. Therefore we are limited in our operations and in our When the church begins to have a consciousness of her responsibility and obligation to the world for which Jesus lived and died, when she has a clear conception of her eternal indebtedness to the gracious God whe hath called her into being and who hath preserved her till this day, when she hears the penetrating voice of the Lord who sitteth between the cherubim crying to her soul, "Who shall I send and who will go for us," then the church will learn to pray. Wherever there is a congregation that has experienced these things there will you find a praying people, a people of power with men and with God. For when Christians possess the knowledge of these things then they feel the need for divine guidance. Then they

commune with God. Then they pray. The future of the church rests upon her capacity and power to pray We cannot too much emphasize the need of a proper mystical and spiritual union between the Lord and His people. The danger is that in the midst of and under the compalsions of the engrossing cares of the modern world we shall deal little or lightly with these spiritual and mystical realities that are meat and drink and life eternal to the church of the living God. It is necessary that we shall have a clear conception of the reality as of the value of the prayer life. For prayer will panoply the church with power. It will make her perdurable. It will inspire and enthuse her. It will make her mighty against principalities and powers and against the machinations of wicked men. It will make her steadfast in the hot fight against the iniquities of life and loyal in the service of the Christ her King. The prayer of the church should be, "Lord, teach us to pray."

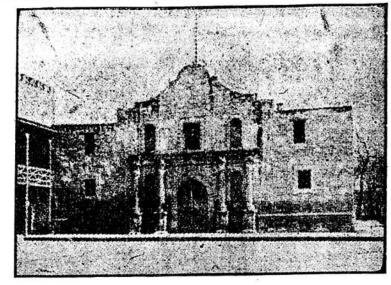
The Feet of the Church.

A friend told me one day, "You (missionaries) are the feet of the church, and wherever you go the church goes with you." "Oh," I said, "that is beautiful! The feet of the church; that is the lowest part of the body, and threads us. in the mud very often, and in the And if the feet of the Messengers of Peace are so very beautiful in the sight of God and of the angels, what must be the body? and if the ody is so beautiful and so glorious, that must be the head?"—Francois dillard, of the Zambesi.

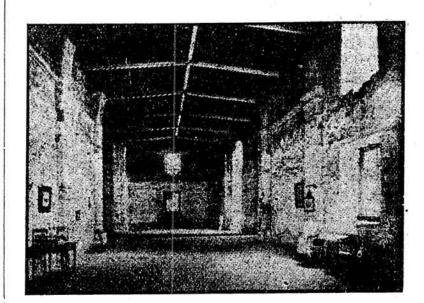
The Hardest to Bear. It is the unrest of a divided purpose, the ache of an unsatisfied conscience, the uneasiness of a self-regarding spirit, that are so hard to bear, not the troubles that He sends, not the discipline by which He trains Yes! we can escape from ourselves into God; otherwise there is no refuge for us .- Charles Beard.

Held Responsible.

God holds us responsible for our nature plus our nurture, for ourselves plus our possibilities .- M. D. Bab-



FRONT OF THE CHURCH OF THE ALAMO, A TEXAN AND NATION-

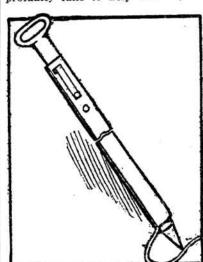


INTERIOR OF THE ALAMO.

Here Travis, Crockett, Bowie and their men, 190 in all, fought to the death against Santa Ana's Mexican Army. The names of visitors have been written on almost every square inch of the sacred walls, some climbing almost to the roof to scribble their tribute of mixed vanity and respect.

Combination Poker.

A much-needed addition to the titchen poker is supplied in the combination poker and clinker hook shown here, a device which will claim many supporters. The large clinkers in the coal fire defy all efforts to dislodge them with the common poker. Even the addition of a little profanity fails to help matters, but



the job can be done thoroughly with the instrument shown here. combination of poker and clinker hook consists of a tubular shank having a hook and a gripper at one end. The hook is stationary, but the gripper, having a sharpened point, slides into the tube. If the hook fails to remove the obtrusive clinker, the gripper is released, the point contacting with the clinker and breaking it. Attached to the gripper, within the tube, is a spring, which forces the gripper toward the hook. A twist of the handle is all that is required to release the gripper.-Washington

Not Guilty.



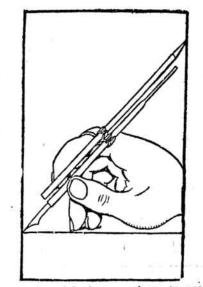
"I've lost my leg, guv'nor." "Well, my good man, I haven't got t."-The Tatler.

Wild Guineas.

Guineas were raised by the old time Greeks and Romans as table fowls, but they disappeared from Europe during the dark ages. In Jamaica and some of the Lesser Antilles they have reverted to the wild states and are now hunted as game birds as is also the case in England. where they were kept in reserves. In continental Europe, however, large establishments are devoted to their breeding. Africa, the original home of the species, boasts of a Guinea fowl which is beautifully plumed. The nape of the neck is covered with short velvet like brown down, and the lower part has long, lanceolate flowing feathers of white, black and blue. The breast and sides are of a beautiful metallic blue, the middle of the abdomen black and the flanks dull pink with numerous spots of white circled with black. The usual American fowl is the pearl variety. There is as yet no standard of perfection set for the Guinea in this country, as the birds are not recognized by the American poultry association. | right, Mary."-The Circle.

Pen and Pencil Holder.

If your duties compel the constant use of pens and pencils, you will at once want to secure the pen and pencil holder shown in the illustration. The inventor, an Arkansas man, has hit upon a very simple and useful method of combining these two very necessary desk implements so that either or both are ready for immediate service. By using this holder the unsightly habit of sticking the pencil over the back of the ear while using the pen, or vice versa, is rendered unnecessary. The pencil and the penholder fit into two small clamps attached to a ring, the latter being slipped over the finger. These clamps are pivoted at one point to the ring. If the user is scribbling away with the pencil and desires to use the pen, he merely swings the pen around in a half circle, and it is ready for use. The device is equally useful where two pens are needed, each for different colored ink. It obviates the



necessity of laying one down to use the other. Any one doing clerical work will instantly recognize the time thus saved. As a novelty this little device is one of the best ever produced from the Patent Office .- Washington Star.

Quite Well.

When John Quincy Adams was eighty years of age he met in the streets of Boston one day an old friend, who shook the venerable statesman's hand and said: "Good morning, and how is John Quincy Adams to-day?"

"Thank you," was the ex-President's answer, "John Quincy Adams himself is well, sir; quite well, I thank you. But the house in which he lives at present is becoming dilapidated. It is tottering upon its foundation. Time and the seasons have nearly destroyed it. Its roof is pretty well worn out, its walls are much shattered, and it trembles with every wind. The old tenement is becoming almost uninhabitable, and I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it soon. But he himself is quite well, sir; quite well."

With that the venerable sixth President of the United States moved on, with the aid of his staff .- National Stockman.

The Retort Saucy.



She-"An' what's the best weather or catchin' fish?" He (savagely)-"De kind wot ceeps chatterin' girls in de house!' -New York American.

Logical Deduction.

Cook (approaching master of the house, anxiously)—"Could ye be after telling me, Sar, the time o' day? Shure all the clocks in the house is different except one." Master of the House-"That one is

In a French Court.

tounsel (addressing the judge after he had got his client, a thief, acquitted in the face of strong evidence)-"Your honor, I would be obliged if you would order that this man be not released from custody until to-morrow."

Judge-"Certainly; but what is your reason?"

"Well, you see, the road near my home is rather lonely, and as my client knows quite well that I shall have money on me he might possibly delphia North American. lie in wait for me."-Bon Vivant.

Costly English Establishments.

It is said that there are at least sixty country homes in the United Kingdom which require a staff of from 250 to 500 servants, and involve an annual bill for wages ranging up to \$100,000, and in many of them the gardens alone amount to more than \$25,000 a year expense.

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Cherry Tree Tale Revised. "I no tella da lie, boss. I choppa

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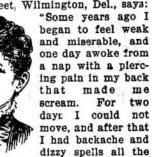
"Georga da Wash no tella da lie and gitta da pat on da back. I no tella da lie and gitta stung good," wailed Pasquale in disgust, as he counted out the money .- New York PART NEW

TESTED BY TIME.

A Cure That Has Held Good Four Years. Mrs. Mary Crumlish, of 1130 West

Third street, Wilmington, Del., says: "Some years ago I

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time. My ankles swelled and I ran down dreadfully. I was nervous and had awful headaches. I wonder that any medicine could do what Doan's Kidney Pills have done for me. They cured me four years ago and I have been well ever since."

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The Largest of Blasts.

One of the largest blasts ever fired in France was discharged recently at the quartzite quarries at Cherbourg and is said to have displaced 120,000 tons of stone. A tunnel measuring six feet wide and six feet high was driven into the face of the cliff for a distance of seventy feet, and at its end two branch tunnels, each twenty feet long, were driven to the right and left respectively. These branches ended in chambers forty feet apart and seventy feet from the face of the cliff, and measuring each ten feet by six feet. The chambers were charged with eight and one-half tons of blasting powder and 280 pounds of dynamite, and the blast was fired electrically. The quartzite obtained from this quarry finds much favor in England as a road material.-Philadelphia Record.

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Danger in Ice.

The opaque centre of artificial fce, which a French physician has pointed out, is due to freezing from the outside, the impurities, including bacteria, being crowded into the last portion to solidify.

All Done by Electricity.

Electricity is being applied more and more to machinery used in British coal mines. Some mines are now so fully equipped that nothing workable by electric energy is otherwise operated.

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